

Ellenville leaders raise funds to recruit primary-care docs

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ELLENVILLE — The Ellenville/Wawarsing community is taking a unique approach to recruit primary-care doctors: It's raising money to offer them incentives to practice here.

City leaders so far have raised half of the \$200,000 needed to implement an incentive program aimed at recruiting two primary-care providers, and the community has teamed up with HealthMatch, a service of the Catskill Hudson Area Health Education Center, on a breakfast to kick off the public portion of the campaign.

Primary-care doctors have been in dwindling supply nationwide for years, and the shortage is getting worse because of falling reimbursements, long hours and expensive malpractice insurance.
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